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SUBJECT: MFA CALLS IN GERMANS ON TAIWAN LEGAL STATUS

Classified By: Deputy Political Section Chief Ben Moeling. Reasons 1.4 (B/D).

¶1. (C) German Charge d'Affaires Aristide Fenster briefed DCM Dan Piccata August 7 on a Chinese "urgent demarche" delivered to the Germans on Sunday, August 6. He characterized the demarche as "aggressive" and said it was given in "not a good atmosphere." The demarche concerned Taiwan and the statement by the UN legal office, in its rejection of Taiwan's application for membership, that Taiwan is an "integral part of China."

¶2. (C) Fenster said the Chinese complained that a German "senior New York Representative" had approached the legal department at the UN concerning Taiwan's status. In fact, Fenster explained, an intern at the German mission had called asking for clarification of the legal grounds for the statement, and no substantive discussion took place. Fenster stated that the demarche took 65 minutes and was largely conducted in a "sharp voice," and that he had "rejected it bluntly," stating the facts and that Germany's Taiwan and One China policies, which mirror our own, have not changed.

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